

Annual Report 2023



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Mission Statement

The City of Belle Meade Police Department strives to provide community-oriented law enforcement that contributes to the quality of life expected by City residents through professional, visible, and respectful efforts of well-trained Police Department employees who are dedicated to public service. In carrying out its mission, the Police Department is especially mindful of and guided by the following values:

Fairness

Consistent and equitable enforcement of the law

Integrity

Adherence to the highest moral and ethical standards

Respect

Respect for the views, rights, and dignity of others

Teamwork

Working together to accomplish our mission with efficiency and safety

Message from the Chief

To the Mayor, Commissioners, City Managers, Citizens of Belle Meade, and the Employees of the Belle Meade Police Department:

This report highlights the many activities of the Belle Meade Police Department during 2023, including crime and traffic statistics. It will clearly explain our department's activity and community involvement.

Community policing remains a primary goal for our department. We enjoy working with our community at the Boulevard Bolt and the Nichol Lane Halloween event. This year, we added the inaugural City of Belle Meade Holiday Parade, which was a huge success. The community contact initiative also encourages officers to stop and talk to residents that they see out in the yard and walking on the street. We hosted our women's self-defense class in 2023. This program is well received by the attendees and will continue to be a program moving forward.

Traffic safety continues to be a top priority for our agency as we attempt to combat the significant influx of volume that Belle Meade has seen in recent years. The 2023 citation data reflects how seriously we take traffic safety.

Our Public Safety Security System began in July of 2018 and continues to be an asset for our police officers and our detective. We also use the system to search for persons involved in crime in Belle Meade, which benefits other agencies' investigations. We added three additional locations in 2023.

Certified Child Safety Technicians continue to help parents and caretakers with the correct installation of car seats.

Belle Meade Police Department is the only agency in Davidson County that helps caretakers with installation.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with a group of dedicated officers and dispatchers daily. The city's administration is very supportive of our agency. They ensure that we have the tools that we need to be productive. It is an honor to work for a community that supports us the way Belle Meade does!

Chuck Williams, Chief

Department Administration

Chief of Police Chuck Williams

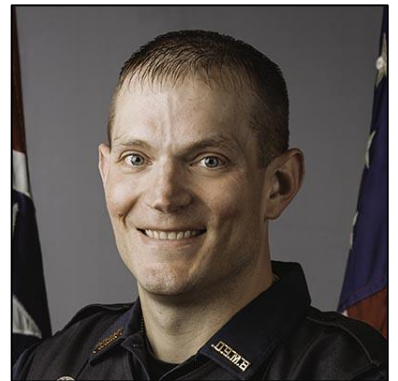


Chief Chuck Williams has served with the Belle Meade Police Department for thirteen years and has twenty-one years of law enforcement experience. He has worked his way up from patrol officer to Chief of Police. Chief Williams received his associate's degree in criminal justice from Bethel University in 2021 and his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Bethel University in 2023. He is a graduate of the Tennessee Association of the Chiefs of Police Executive Leadership Training and has numerous specialized police certifications.

He is an active member of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police.

Lieutenant Mack Mangrum

Lt. Mack Mangrum has served with the Belle Meade Police Department for 21 years. He worked his way up from a patrol officer to second-in-command of the department in January 2022. Mack has extensive police training. Lt. Mangrum works closely with all divisions of the police department and oversees daily operations. He graduated from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Chief Executive Leadership Training in 2022



Police Operations Section

The Police Operations Section is the largest component of the Police Department. It is comprised of the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigation Division. The Police Operations Sections are under the direct supervision of the Lieutenant.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division's uniformed officers are the department's most visible members. Officers are assigned marked patrol cars equipped with radar, in-car video cameras, body cameras, and computer tablets.



The Patrol Division consists of 12 sworn officers, who are assigned to four separate shifts. Each shift is made up of a Sergeant and two officers.

All members of the Patrol Division bring years of experience to the department. In addition to their patrol duties, many officers have other duties, such as Field Training Officers and instructors in various disciplines.

Traffic Division

The traffic division consists of a full-time motorcycle officer and two part-time officers that are paid for through a grant through THSO. Their primary responsibilities are to work crashes and conduct traffic enforcement. In July 2023, the motorcycle officer was assigned to five days a week to be more visible. We receive many positive comments from the community about the motor's effectiveness. To request RADAR on your street, email Officer Germany at mgermany@citybellemeade.org.



Criminal Investigation Division

Detective Tom Sexton staffs the Criminal Investigation Division and provides crime prevention services to the residents of Belle Meade. In addition, Detective Sexton can call on the resources of the Metro Nashville Police Department as needed to assist in any investigation.



Support Services Section

The Support Services Section is made up of the Communications Division and the Administrative Division. The Support Services Section is under the direct supervision of the Lieutenant.

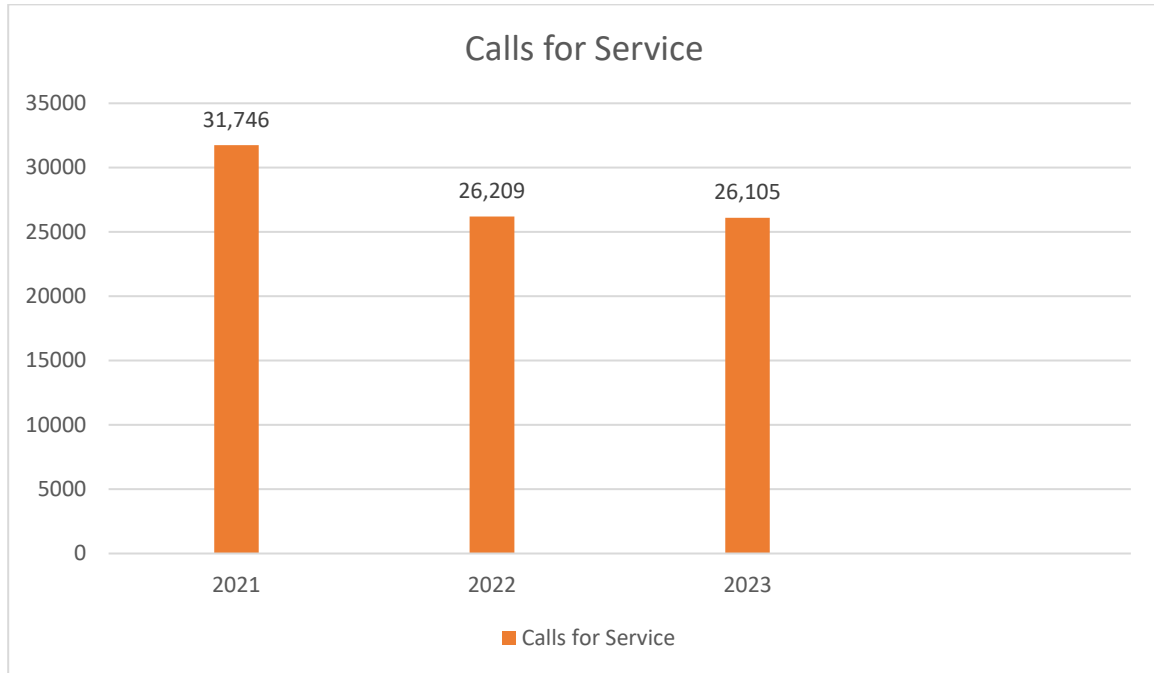
Communications Division

The Communications Division is staffed by four full-time and two part-time Communications Officers. Each Communications Officer is certified by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and has access to both the Tennessee Criminal Portal and the NCIC system. Communications Officers provide a link between callers and officers in the field. One Communications Officer is assigned to each of the four patrol shifts. This division is supervised by Communications Sergeant Toni Tomlin.



Calls for Service

Belle Meade officers responded to 26,105 calls for service in 2023. This was a .39% decrease over calls received in 2022. (This includes all activities).



Grant Management

In 2023, the Belle Meade Police Department received approximately \$322,500 in grant funding. This money is used to purchase equipment, pay personnel, and encourage recruiting and retaining of new hires.

Some of the equipment purchased was computers for patrol cars, StarChase pursuit alternatives, in-car police cameras, RADARS, and ballistic vests.



StarChase

Administrative Division

The Administrative Division consists of the Training Unit, the Accreditation Unit, the Records Unit, and the Firearms Training Unit. Except for the Records Unit, patrol officers' staff all other units as an additional duty.

Training Unit - The Training Unit is staffed by the General Departmental Instructor (GDI), who is responsible for ensuring all sworn personnel complete the annual training requirements set forth by the Tennessee POST Commission. Chief Chuck Williams currently serves as the GDI.

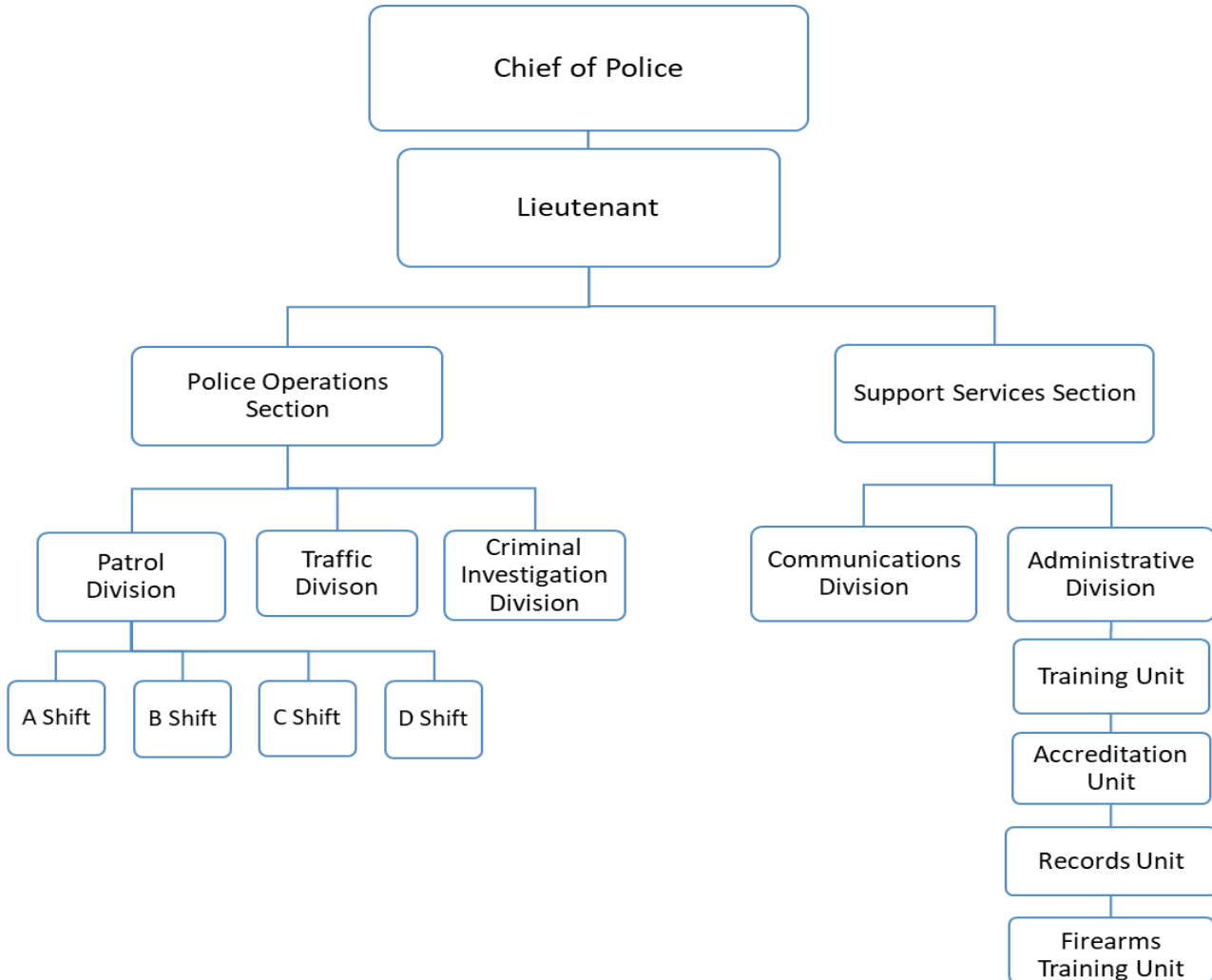
Accreditation Unit – The Accreditation Unit is staffed by the Accreditation Managers responsible for the Accreditation process. The department has completed the rigorous process of gaining compliance with the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation program, which the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police administers: the Court Clerk, Kim Huffines, and Patrol Sgt. Chris Roark serves as the Accreditation Manager and is assisted by Chief Chuck Williams.

Records Unit – The Court Clerk is responsible for the Records Unit function as part of her duties. In this function, the clerk ensures all records and reports are maintained according to departmental policy and Tennessee state law.

Firearms Training Unit – The Firearms Training Unit is responsible for all firearms training and maintenance of all firearms issued by the department. This unit is under the supervision of Lt. Mack Mangrum and Sgt. David Wright.

Organizational Chart

Belle Meade Police Department



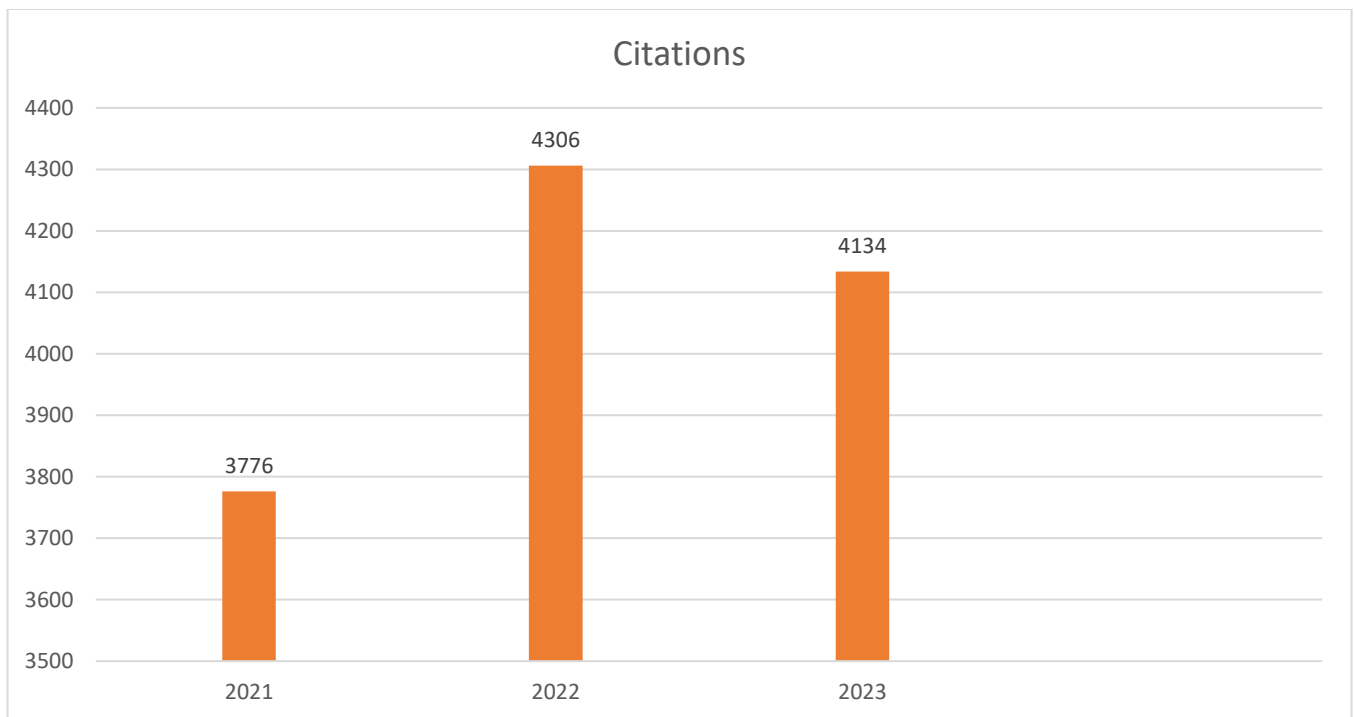
Municipal Court

The City Court of Belle Meade is presided over by Judge Mark Beveridge. The City Court hears cases concerning traffic violations and violations of other Belle Meade ordinances committed within the City of Belle Meade. Court is held on Wednesday and Thursday once a month at 8:30 AM. The City Court Clerk, Kim Huffines, is responsible for administrative responsibilities concerning the operation of the Belle Meade City Court. Judge Beveridge can be contacted through the court clerk's office at 615-298-1223.



Citations

Belle Meade officers issue citations to City Court for violations of Belle Meade ordinances. These citations are primarily for traffic violations, but other violations, such as curfew, may be included in these numbers. In 2023, there were over 4,000 traffic citations issued.



Community Outreach

The Belle Meade Police Department provides more than just law enforcement services. The department also offers several Community Outreach programs to better serve our community.

Child Passenger Safety Program (CPSP) - Certified child passenger safety technicians are available to give personal instructions on correctly installing child restraint equipment in vehicles. They can also answer questions concerning your child's safety while riding in a vehicle. MPO Wes Bowker serves as the CPSP Coordinator.



Neighborhood Watch - The city offers an on-site coordinator and liaison for neighborhood watch groups in Belle Meade. The coordinator communicates with Block Captains who send information to residents in their group regarding BOLOs (Be on the Look Out) and about recent crimes in the city, as well as surrounding areas. The department is grateful for the extremely high participation rate in this program.

Prescription Drug Collection Program - The prescription drug collection program offers the public a means to dispose of expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs anonymously and safely. The collection box is in the lobby of the Belle Meade Police Department at 4705 Harding Pike. (The Entrance is located to the right of city hall's main entrance.) It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container. Loose pills should be disposed of using a clear plastic bag (provided). All medications collected from this program are destroyed by incineration. MPO Bowker and Officer Scarbrough manage this program.



Community Outreach

2023 Inaugural City of Belle Meade Holiday Parade



The City of Belle Meade Holiday Parade was a huge success. The parade had the perfect small-town feel, and many residents flocked to the streets to enjoy the floats and fellowship. We thank all the parade participants, organizers, and other agencies who assisted us with this wonderful event.

2023 Women's Self-Defense Class



The women's self-defense class was held at St. George's Church. It was an informative class and had great participation. This program will be an annual event.

City Administration

The City of Belle Meade is in western Davidson County and is considered a “satellite city” of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County. According to the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Belle Meade is 2,901. The city was chartered in 1938 as a City Manager-Commissioner form of government. The Board of Commissioners is the policy-making body, while the City Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer. Jennifer Moody is the City Manager, and Leigh Mills is the Finance Director.



Jennifer Moody

Leigh Mills

The citizens elect five Commissioners for staggered four-year terms. The Commissioners then select two members to serve as Mayor and Vice-Mayor for two years.

2023 Board of Commissioners:

Mayor Rusty Moore

Vice Mayor Haley Dale

Commissioner Louise Bryan

Commissioner Neal Clayton

Commissioner Marty Dickens

Crime Statistics

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) is responsible for compiling crime statistics for the State. Crimes are placed into one of two groups. Group A includes crimes such as murder, rape, and theft. Group B includes DUI, drunkenness, and trespassing. Most crimes in Belle Meade are property crimes, which fall into Group A.

TBI Crime Overview

GROUP A OFFENSES				
Crimes Against Persons	2020	2021	2022	2023
Murder	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	1	0	0
Simple Assault	8	2	1	2
Intimidation	1	2	0	2
Stalking	0	2	0	1
Crimes Against Property	2020	2021	2022	2023
Arson	0	0	0	0
Burglary	6	0	5	4
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	3	3
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	12	5	8	12
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0
Fraud-False Pretenses	3	4	3	1

Fraud- Credit Card/ATM	2	3	2	1
Fraud-Impersonation	5	2	4	6
Fraud-Identity Theft	4	0	0	3
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Theft From Building	1	0	2	0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	13	1	7	4
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	1	2	1	0
Theft-All Other Larceny	9	6	7	12
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	2	1
Crimes Against Society	2020	2021	2022	2023
Drug/Narcotic Violations	7	2	6	7
Drug/Narcotic Equipment Violations	4	0	3	4
Weapons Law Violation	0	2	2	0
GROUP B OFFENSES				
Offense	2020	2021	2022	2023
DUI	27	11	8	16
Drunkenness	2	1	1	0
Trespass	3	0	1	0
All Other Offenses	1	10	13	3

Traffic Crashes

In 2023, the Belle Meade Police Department investigated 80 total crashes. There were 14 crashes with injuries and 66 property damage crashes. Historically, Belle Meade averages about 100 crashes each year. This is the fourth year that we have had less crashes than our normal average. The leading causes of crashes in Belle Meade are failure to yield right of way and following too closely.

In comparison, statewide there was a 2.4% increase in serious injury and fatal crashes from 2022 to 2023. In 2022, there were 6,078 serious injuries/fatal crashes. In 2023, there were 6,226 serious injuries/fatal crashes. In Davidson County, there were 1,081 injuries/fatal crashes in 2022. In 2023, there were 1,021 injuries and/fatal crashes in Davidson County. This is a 5.5% reduction in the last two years.

